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Dear Parent/Carers,

New School Meal Price

As you will all be aware, we are currently experiencing high levels of inflation nationally, greater than anyone expected or predicted. Due to this and to meet the rising costs of providing school meals, a small increase in the price of a meal is now necessary.

From 1st September the cost of individual food items (break items and those that aren't part of a meal deal) available to purchase will increase by 10%. Meal deals available at lunch to all students and those entitled to free school meals will increase to £2.25. All items will be clearly labelled so students can identify a meal deal easily.

This price still represents good value for money for a freshly cooked school meal that is seasonally aligned and meets the government's school food standards. Our prices remain amongst the lowest when compared with other local schools and we will continue to work with Taylor Shaw (our catering provider) to ensure they remain committed to offering an exciting and varied range of meals, snacks, and drinks that are both healthy and nutritious. The school will not make any profit on any meal taken by a child.

Working with Taylor Shaw offers us an exciting opportunity to ensure that all our Trust schools have a consistently high-quality catering provision. Taylor Shaw has a reputation for using only the best, finest quality ingredients and has a philosophy built on meals that are prepared daily using the best possible ingredients that are locally sourced wherever possible. Taylor Shaw will not, in any way, compromise on quality.

I ask for your understanding of the price increases and fully appreciate that times are tough. If you do want to chat about this further or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me and I'll do my best to assist. For more information about eligibility for free school meals, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Yours sincerely

Mrs Cross
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